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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action of May 2, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 2, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Response.